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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A system for the distribution of available flavors offered by an operator of the system, comprising:

a plurality of consumer workstations linked to a central processing hub;

the central processing hub including means for providing consumers with information regarding flavors, the means for providing including a flavor search system through which a consumer may identify desired flavor based upon a series of input criteria; wherein the criteria include flavor descriptors, flavor legal status chosen from the group consisting of artificial, natural and artificial, natural flavor, natural type and natural WONF, and usage categories selected from the group consisting of bakery, dairy, beverage, confections and oral care; and

the flavor search system is associated with the central processing hub and includes means for searching available flavors based upon via flavor descriptors, flavor legal status and usage categories and flavor definitions and providing a search results list of available flavors fulfilling the flavor descriptor, flavor legal status and usage category requirements and the flavor definition requirements.

2-5. (previously canceled)

6. (previously presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein the criteria further includes solubility of the flavor.

7-10. (previously canceled)

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11. (original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the means for providing also including means for permitting a user to select the preparation of a custom flavor.
12. (original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the consumer workstations and the central processing hub are connected via the Internet.
13. (original) The system according to claim 1, further including means for providing general information regarding flavors.